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Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
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For reasons set forth below, it is respectfully requested that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) file for this application be promptly forwarded to Examiner Albert William Paladini, for confirmation that the references listed on PTO-1449 attached to the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 28, 2002 have been considered.

On March 28, 2002 Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with PTO-1449 form (three (3) pages) attached, listing the references submitted for consideration. Copies of all references were submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 28, 2002.

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An Office Action for this application was mailed on September 30, 2004. However, Examiner Albert William Paladini has not returned a copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 28, 2002.

Accordingly, **Applicants hereby request confirmation of consideration of the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement.** Examiner Albert William Paladini is requested to initial the references listed on the PTO-1449 form to show that they were appropriately considered during examination of this Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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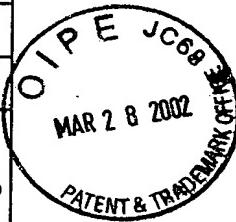
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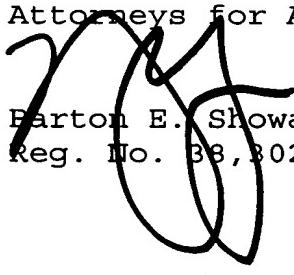
Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

Enclosed is a copy of a PCT International Search Report identifying the references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement. The PCT International Search Report has a mailing date of March 6, 2002. Therefore, I hereby certify

that the references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited for the first time in a communication from a foreign patent office in a related foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Furthermore, in the event a patent term adjustment is requested, pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.704, Applicants submit that the references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were received from a foreign patent office in a related foreign application not more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a final action or notice of allowance. Therefore, Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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